

RENT INCOME

POLICY: It is the policy of the North Dakota Veterans Home to charge rent to residents in accordance with Veterans Administration and the State of North Dakota laws and regulations. The North Dakota Veterans Home shall have procedures in place to calculate and administer rents.

PROCEDURES:

WHEN RENT IS CALCULATED – BASIC CARE

1. The rent will be calculated upon admission for new residents.
2. For resident workers the rent calculation will be calculated monthly.
3. Resident rents will be recalculated every January and any changes will be effective February 1 of each year.
4. Any change in a resident's income must be reported to the accounting department so that rents can be adjusted accordingly.
5. The rents will be on a form as devised by the Veterans Home and will include the signature of the resident or their representative.
6. When accurate information has not been furnished to determine the appropriate rent, the facility shall charge the maximum rent until such time that correct information is provided. Rent charges will be recalculated once accurate information is received. The Administrator will have the authority to adjust prior rent charges.

HOW RENT IS CALCULATED-BASIC CARE

1. The rent will be calculated using prospective income when available as well as past income (interest, land rent, etc.) unless this income is no longer available.
2. Verification of income is required.
3. The income will be annualized using all allowable sources of income. This total will be reduced by paid allowable medical expenses and other expenses as required by the courts i.e., child support or alimony.
4. Rent charges will be 25% of a residents first \$1200 of annual rent eligible income and 50% of additional rent eligible income. Annual rent will be divided by 12 to determine monthly rent.
5. A husband and wife, both residing at the Veterans Home may request to have their incomes combined for the purpose of calculating rent charges. This option must be approved by the Administrator.
6. Additional rent charges will be billed for residents that have a private room. Charges for a single private room will be \$1.00 per day and \$1.50 per day for a double private room. The additional charge for a private room may be waived in the case of a medical necessity. The waiver must be requested by the Director of Nursing Services and approved by the Administrator.
7. Maximum rent charges will increase three percent (3%) each January 1st. Rent charges will be rounded to the nearest dollar.

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HOW RENT IS CALCULATED –SKILLED CARE

1. Rent calculations are not applicable to Skilled Care residents as they are charged a daily rate as developed by the State of North Dakota Human Services Case Mix System.

SKILLED & BASIC CARE RENT FOR ABSENCE DAYS

1. Rent will be charged for all days of absences except for days of hospitalization in a VA hospital or a non-VA hospital at the VA expense.

COLLECTIONS

1. Statements will be printed and mailed on the 1st business day of each month. And must be paid by the 10th of the month to avoid late charges.
2. Basic Care residents will be pre-billed for the next month's rent. All rents are due and payable in full upon voluntary or involuntary discharge from the North Dakota Veterans Home. The rent will be prorated up to the day of discharge.
3. Any rents outstanding will be collected using internal sources or collection agencies if necessary.
4. A finance charge on outstanding amounts due the Veterans Home will be charged at 1% per month, not to exceed \$25.00 per month.
5. Finance charges will not be assessed on outstanding accounts if reasonable payments are received each month. Finance charges will be assessed for any month a payment is not received.
6. Residents that have an outstanding balance due and are 30 days past due may be discharged.
7. Exceptions must be approved by the administrator.

Any changes to this policy must be approved by the North Dakota Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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